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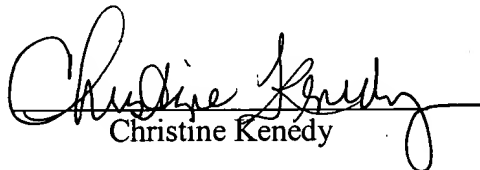
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For: ORALLY ADMINISTERED DRUG DELIVERY SYSTEM PROVIDING TEMPORAL AND SPATIAL CONTROL

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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application as follows:

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In the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~homogenous~~ homogeneous pharmaceutical composition in the form of single layer tablets or capsules which constitutes an oral controlled drug delivery system, comprising a drug, a gas generating component, a swelling agent present in an amount of from about 5% to about 50% by weight, a ~~viscous~~ viscosity enhancing agent, and optionally a gel

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